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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 31, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and entry of the following amendments to the claims.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.